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SUBJECT: ALLIED ASSESSMENT OF INDIAN NUCLEAR TEST

1. IN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF JOINT ALLIED ASSESSMENT OF INDIAN NUCLEAR TEST (POLAD'S (74)14, TEXT POUCHED) IN JUNE 25 POLADS MEETING, FRENCH REP SAID EFFECT OF INDIAN ACCESSION TO NUCLEAR STATUS SHOULD NOT BE OVERSTATED. WHILE IT WAS NOT FRENCH POLICY TO ACTIVELY ENCOURAGE OTHER NON-PARTIES

TO NPT TO CARRY OUT NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE TESTS, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FRENCH OFFICIALS "AT A LOWER LEVEL" HAD CONGRATULATED THE INDIANS ON THEIR SUCCESSFUL TEST. THUS, IN GOF VIEW, ALLIED PAPER SHOULD NOT CONCLUDE THAT INDIAN TEST IS SERIOUSLY PREJUDICIAL TO ALLIED INTERESTS.

2. ITALIAN REP SAID THAT PAPER SEEMED TO BE ADEQUATE ON THE CONFIDENTIAL

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WHOLE, BUT PROPOSED INSERTION OF TWO ADDITIONAL POINTS IN A FUTURE REVISION. FIRST POINT WAS POSSIBLY THAT INDIANS MIGHT CARRY OUT THERMONUCLEAR TEST. SECOND POINT WAS THAT DESIRABILITY OF NPT ACCESSION TO CON-NUCLEAR COUNTRIES WOULD BE ENHANCED IF

NUCLEAR POWERS WERE PREPARED TO OFFER GUARANTEES OF ASSISTANCE TO THEM IN THE EVENT OF NUCLEAR ATTACK AGAINST THEM. IN ITALIAN VIEW, THIS WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE TOPIC FOR NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE.

3. CHAIRMAN SAID THAT GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TWO OR THREE MORE WEEKS TO COMMENT ON FIRST DRAFT OF IS PAPER, AND SUBJECT WILL REMAIN ON POLADS AGENDA.

4. COMMENT: ITALIAN STATEMENT IS FIRST HINT WE HAVE HEARD HERE THAT GOI MIGHT REOPEN QUESTION ON SPECIFIC SECURITY GUARANTEES OR ASSURANCES BEFORE RATIFYING NPT. WE COULD OF COURSE REVIEW FOR ITALIANS EXTENSIVE ALLIANCE EXCHANGES IN LATE '60'S ON QUESTION OF SECURITY ASSURANCES TO THE NON-NUCLEARS, BUT DO NOT BELIEVE THIS IS AN APPROPRIATE THEME FOR ALLIED ASSESSMENT OF INDIAN NUCLEAR TEST, AND WE WILL RESIST ADDING THIS IDEA TO CURRENT VERSION. WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON CURRENT TEXT, WHEN RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON. END COMMENT.
RUMSFELD.

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